

FREDONIA

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"Spring 1904"

14 October 1964

AUSTRO-ITALIAN ALLIANCE PRESSES TURKS:

ENGLAND: A Liv-Yor; F Norway-North Sea; F Ska-Den; A St.P-Liv;
A Mos S A St.P-Liv.

FRANCE: F Eng-Nor; F Mid-Iri; F Bre-Mid; F Spa & A Por hold; A Lon-Yor;
A Ruh-Bel; A Bur S GERMAN A Mun.

GERMANY: A Liv-Pru; A Mun holds; F Swe-Nor; A Den-Swe.

ITALY: F Tyr-Ion; F Tun S F Tyr-Ion; A Boh-Sil; A Tyr-Boh; A Ven-Pie.

AUSTRIA-HUNGARY: A Gal-Ukr; A Rum S A Gal-Ukr; A Bud-Gal; A Bul holds;
A Ser S A Bul; F Gre S ITALIAN F Tyr-Ion.

RUSSIA: No moves received.

TURKEY: A War S ENGLISH A St.P-Liv; A Sev-Rum; F Con-Bul (East Coast);
F Smy-Aeg; F Eas S F Smy-Aeg.

Deadline is Wed. 23 Oct.

Underlined moves are unsuccessful. There are no retreats.

CAMELOT (CP): England wishes publicly to announce that the attack on Germany's Sweden was not an English attack. It was the work of mutineers. The ringleaders have been hanged near Stonehenge and for the further punishment the two fleets are to be set upon one another to destroy each other. England apologizes profusely to Germany for what happened and promises not to let it happen again. Furthermore, King Arthur himself will support the German armies through Belgium as requested.

"Honor be to Mudjekeewis!"
Cried the warriors, cried the
old men,
When he came in triumph homeward
With the sacred Belt of Wampum

From the regions of the North-Win
From the kingdom of Wabasso,
From the land of the White Rabbit
He had stolen the Belt of Wampum.

- Longfellow

We'll see how much of a rabbit I am.

'Tis war, red war, I'll give you then,
War till my sinews fail;
For a wrong you have done to a chief of men,
And a thief of the Zukka Kheyl.

- Kipling

We'll see who's the better thief.

VIENNA (Official Release): The Christian peoples of the Empire were shocked by the infamous conduct of the English 'King', Edward VII. Christian Europe appreciates Edward's trepidation when he must contemplate death. Christian dogma does not promise the jaded fop a peaceful

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THE ROW-OF-FOUR PROBLEM

(This article has evolved from an exchange of correspondence between Alan Calhamer, inventor of Diplomacy, and the editor. Most of the conclusions are Calhamer's.)

An interesting situation arises when two allied units attempt to close a pincers upon an enemy force between them. If the three forces occupy three provinces which lie in a row (e. g., Berlin, Prussia, and Livonia), then the larger force has an easy win. One of its units moves into the intermediate province, supported by the other, and if no ally comes to the rescue the attacked unit is dislodged.

However, if two provinces separate the attacking forces, then it may sometimes be possible for the single unit to hold off both its adversaries. This may make it possible for the attacked player to bring up additional forces and turn the tide.

Consider the following situation: France has a fleet in the Helgoland Bight and an army in Burgundy, while Germany holds the supply centers of Belgium and Holland and has an army in Holland. France has the alternative of the following moves:

1. A Bur-Bel, F Hel holds.
2. A Bur holds, F Hel-Hol.

At the same time, Germany can anticipate this attack by one of the two alternatives:

1. A Hol holds.
2. A Hol-Bel.

A table of the resulting actions follows:

FRANCE \ GERMANY	GERMANY	
	A Hol-Bel	A holds
A Bur-Bel, F holds	no moves succeed	all moves succeed
F Hel-Hol, A holds	all moves succeed	no moves succeed

If all moves succeed, then Germany loses a supply center and the German army in the low countries is penned up and ready to be destroyed or dislodged. But, if Germany guesses French intentions correctly, the situation is left unchanged. As the above table shows, Germany has a chance of 50% of delaying defeat for one move, a chance of 25% of delaying defeat for two moves, etc.

TACTICAL DIPLOMACY

The rules of Diplomacy provide for limiting the playing space when less than seven players take part. The East Paterson Diplomacy Club sometimes tries another variation, which for unknown reasons they have styled "Tactical Diplomacy". The players first select countries by lot, and then start out to accumulate as many neutral supply centers as they can before opening hostilities against each other. No regions are restricted to them. If only two players take part, the game proceeds to the utter annihilation of the loser.

THE OTHER DIPLOMACY

Ever since Gertrude Bennett's The Heads of Cerberus appeared under a pen name in 1918, the authors of science-fiction and fantasy have constructed alternate universes with histories which diverged from ours at some time in the past. Sometimes the plot revolves around the transfer of the protagonist from our universe to the alternate one; more rarely the entire action of the story takes place in this parallel world.

Randy Garrett's Lord Darcy stories follow the latter pattern. Lord Darcy is a subject of the Anglo-French Empire, whose adventures as a detective are chronicled in "The Eyes Have It" (Analog, January 1964) and "A Case of Identity" (Analog, September 1964). His history diverged from ours in 1199, when Richard I of England survives an arrow wound, reigns 20 years more in England and large parts of France, and trains his nephew Arthur as his successor. In the subsequent history of that world, magic rather than science becomes the basis of technology.

In Lord Darcy's world, a cold war impends between the Anglo-French Empire and the Kingdom of Poland. Between them are a number of German states who play the major powers against each other; they are nominally under the rule of the Angevin Emperor John IV, but would go over to the Poles if the Emperor's tax-collectors ever put in an appearance.

In this world, Scandinavia and Russia consist of independent states which are also pawns in the cold war. Italy is divided into city-states, and the Iberian kingdoms of the middle ages have never united into a powerful state. The Anglo-French Empire includes the New World and the low countries, while Poland occupies much of the Danube basin and the south Russian plains. A decadent Turkish Empire holds the rest of the Balkans.

A two-man Diplomacy game will shortly begin between Garrett (as His Imperial Majesty John IV) and myself (as Kasimir IX, King of Poland, Apostolic King of Hungary, King of Bohemia, Grand Duke of Lithuania, Grand Duke of Muscovy, Prince of Transylvania, etc. etc.). The following emendations are made in the Diplomacy map in this game:

Supply centers exist in the Ruhr, Ukraina, Livonia, and Galicia.

No supply centers exist in St. Petersburg, Sevastopol, Ankara, and Rumania.

The Anglo-French Empire consists of England, France, and the low countries.

The Kingdom of Poland consists of Warsaw, Livonia, Moscow, Ukraina, Galicia, Budapest, Vienna, Bohemia, Silesia, Berlin, and Prussia.

Each of the three German supply centers has its own neutral army. These armies do not move or give support, but may be attacked or receive support from armies of the combatants.

Each player decides for himself at the beginning of the game whether a unit on a given home supply center is a fleet or an army.

The war is a l'outrance.

Aside from this, the usual rules of Diplomacy apply. The players will publish moves and propaganda in a bulletin to be published by Al Schuster and underwritten by Randy Garrett. James Goldman will be Gamesmaster. Since all concerned live in the same metropolitan area, the game can proceed at one move per week.

Subscriptions to the game's bulletin are hereby solicited. Further information will appear in GRAUSTARK when this game gets under way.

CRITIQUE OF THE GOTHA ALMANACH*

A brief history of the Almanach de Gotha appeared in FREDONIA #9. This history began with a dubious issue of 1763, the first definite issue of the following year, and an account of the subsequent development of this studbook of Europe's royal and ducal houses. It ended with the Almanach, like every other institution of Germany, a tool of the Nazis in 1933-44. Finally, twenty years ago, this annual listing of the addresses and family relationships of Europe's blue bloods perished with the rest of Germany's institutions.

Now, it appears, the Almanach de Gotha will be revived and set going again. The right to use this title has been transferred through several hands, and now resides with the Comte Fernand de Saint Simon, owner of the publishing house Les Seize, Editions du Palais Royal, in Paris.

The 1964 edition will be published early next year. It will contain genealogical listings only for those families included in the first part of the first section of the old Almanach: the sovereign houses of Europe and those which have been deposed since 1815. The latter will far outnumber the former, as there now exist in Europe only seven reigning kings or queens, and a few sovereigns of lesser rank. The dominant place of the Bourbons and Habsburgs in the old Almanach will be taken by the various cadet branches of the House of Oldenburg in the 1964 edition; three of the remaining monarchs and the heir of a fourth belong to the male line of Europe's oldest reigning house.

Unquestionably this truncated revival of the Almanach de Gotha will be of considerable interest to historians, genealogists, and writers of Diplomacy press releases. But this usefulness will be mitigated by the snobbishness to which it caters. Unquestionably the chief backers of the new Almanach will be the members and hangers-on of discredited dynasties, who live in comfortable exile in Portugal or America in hopes that the peoples who expelled their weak, tyrannical, or wastrel ancestors will suffer a mass insanity and invite them back.

A review of the 1964 Almanach de Gotha will appear in FREDONIA when it is published.

* - And a free 10-issue subscription to FREDONIA will be given to the reader who first identifies the source of this title.

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What happened when Pope Clement XV proclaimed the Tenth Crusade against the Turks in 1903? Find out in Brobdingnag, Dick Schultz, 19159 Helen, Detroit, Mich. 48234.

What hopes do German arms have when the Tsar of all the Russias is married to the Empress-Queen of Austria-Hungary? Read Ruritania, Dave McDaniel, 5852 Arbor Vitae St., Los Angeles, Calif. 90045.

Follow the newest postal Diplomacy game from the beginning in Tranter, John W. Smytho Jr., 621 E. Prospect, Girard, Ohio.

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and/or pleasant hereafter. But an English King to embrace the vile promises of the devil's advocate, Mohammad, denotes a phobia so strong that it borders on psychosis. Has the Defender of the Faith forgotten: the Lord forgave Peter. There is hope - as a Christian - for even Edward.

But perhaps the jaded heart does not fear death. A place where rivers of milk and honey flow and where trees which bear fruit of emeralds and rubies grow would have an appeal to a heathen. But one wonders who Edward would request in Janneh; the ghalmán or the hourly?

The House of Habsburg prays that the choice of Edward VII was due to a temporary disorder of the blood's humors. For if he continues in his folly, Austria-Hungary-Serbia must come to blows with the English Empire.

Lost Europe and her enemies believes that the House of Habsburg falters in its destiny, Emperor Franz Joseph renews his pledge to protect Christian Europe from the barbarians who profess the faith of the false prophet, Mohammad.

VIENNA (UPI): It is rumored that the Austrian Bank has called in its loan to Albania. Readers will remember that 1,500,000 crowns were loaned to Albania in order that Abdi Bey Toptani could develop the perfect champagne.

When Dr. Popovics was questioned, his only reply was, "No comment."

Could this be an attempt by Franz Joseph to improve relations with France?

ROME: The Government today announced the appointment of Luigi Bradawich as Minister of Education.

NEW POSTAL DIPLOMACY GAME ANNOUNCED

Five postal Diplomacy games are currently in progress: 1963B (Ruritania), 1964A (GRAUSTARK), 1964B (FREDONIA), 1964C (Brobdingnag), 1964D (Trantor). The first two are on the point of completion, and Dave McDaniel, the Gamesmaster of 1963B, has announced a new game to begin soon. In 1964A, three players have been eliminated and two others are declining in strength, so a decision may be expected soon. In anticipation, registrations are now being accepted for a new postal Diplomacy game which will begin in GRAUSTARK as soon as 1964A ends. Registration will remain open until 1964A ends. The fee is \$2.00. After registrations close, the entrants will be accepted on the basis of the following priorities:

1. Players who have not played postal Diplomacy before.
2. Players who have played, but are not presently engaged in a game.
3. All others.

FREDONIA will continue to carry news of 1964B until it ends. At that time it will cease publication, and all FREDONIA subscriptions will be transferred to GRAUSTARK. If there is a check in this space (✓), your subscription to FREDONIA has already expired and you will not receive future issues unless you renew.

FREDONIA #11 is going to several Diplomacy players who do not presently subscribe to it and/or to GRAUSTARK, so that they may see the variety of material usually presented in their pages. Subscriptions are solicited at 10 issues for \$1.00.

FREDONIA

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"Fall 1904"

28 October 1964

TURKS FLEE BEFORE AUSTRO-HUNGARIAN OFFENSIVE

ENGLISH AID BOTH SIDES

LAST RUSSIAN FORCE COLLAPSES

ENGLAND: A Liverpool holds; F Norway-Swe; F Ska-North Sea; A Livonia-War; A Mos S TURKISH A War-Ukr.

FRANCE: F Spa-Mar; A Por-Spa; A Bur S GERMAN A Mun; A Bel & A Lon hold; F Eng-North Sea; F Iri-Liv; F Mid-North Atlantic.

GERMANY: A Pru-Ber; A Mun S A Pru-Ber; A Den S F Swe; F Swe S A Den.

ITALY: A Sil-Mun; A Boh S A Sil-Mun; A Pie-Mar; F Tun S F Ion; F Ion S AUSTRO-HUNGARIAN F Gre-Aeg.

AUSTRIA-HUNGARY: A Ukr-Sev; A Rum S A Ukr-Sev; A Gal S ENGLISH A Liv-War; A Bul holds; A Ser S A Bul; F Gre-Aeg.

RUSSIA: F Bal-Liv.

TURKEY: A War-Ukr; A Sev S A War-Ukr; F Eas-Ion; F Aeg S F Eas-Ion; F Con S F Aeg.

Underlined moves are unsuccessful. The Turkish army in Sevastopol is dislodged and must retreat to Armenia. Russia has lost its East supply center and is eliminated, losing the unit in Livonia. The High Combatant Powers now control the following supply centers:

ENGLAND: Edinburgh, Liverpool, Moscow, Norway, St. Petersburg, Warsaw. (6)

FRANCE: Belgium, Brest, Holland, London, Marseilles, Paris, Portugal, Spain. (8)

GERMANY: Berlin, Denmark, Kiel, Munich, Sweden. (5)

ITALY: Naples, Rome, Trieste, Tunis, Venice. (5)

AUSTRIA-HUNGARY: Budapest, Bulgaria, Greece, Rumania, Serbia, Sevastopol, Vienna. (7)

TURKEY: Ankara, Constantinople, Smyrna. (3)

England, Germany, and Austria-Hungary may each establish one new unit. Turkey must remove two units. The deadline for Winter 1904 moves is SATURDAY 7 NOVEMBER 1964. This provides ample time if moves are sent by return air mail; winter moves need not take as long as those for the other two seasons.

VIENNA (Official Release): The Government of Austria-Hungary-Serbia wishes to apologize for the intemperate and slanderous document which bore the State Seal of Austria-Hungary-Serbia. The House of Habsburg requests the indulgence of King Edward VII, for the statements in the document do not and will never be representative of the attitudes and thoughts of the Habsburgs towards their brother, Edward VII.

Imperial Police have apprehended the minor official who was responsible for the document. Evidence has been collected which proves the document's author is a member of the ultra-extremist movement

called the Hans Burp Society. The Imperial police have begun a drive to arrest and detain all members of the Society.

VIENNA (AP): Doctor Freud has just finished a news conference which was intended to enlighten the news media with respect to the new developments in the Walther Jenkins scandal.

It appears that Herr Jenkins, author of the Edward Statement and member of the Hans Burp Society, was a trusted friend and confidant of Franz Ferdinand. Attaching himself to the rising star of the Archduke, Herr Jenkins rose from the position of the 'honey-bucket man' of the small town of Mertz to become Ferdinand's chief advisor on problems concerning sanitation.

Though the position of special advisor on sanitation to the Archduke of Austria is not necessarily a sensitive post, responsible officials are worried that State secrets could have been compromised. When I approached the Archduke about the possibility of a compromise, he answered, "I know nothing of the matter".

When Franz Ferdinand was asked how such an individual could have become a close associate of the Archduke, he replied, "You must remember that I am only the Archduke of Austria, successor to the Throne of Austria-Hungary-Serbia. So why should I be held re-

sponsible for knowing my friends' conduct? Besides I have known Herr Jenkins for only twenty-five years. I am a very good family man, so I do not know about such goings on. Ask anyone; they will tell you how kind to dogs I am." What the Archduke's reply had to do with the question I do not know. But one does not question the divine wisdom of heirs apparent.

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CURRENT ADDRESSES OF PLAYERS

ENGLAND: Dan Brannan, Apt. #5, 106 South Edgemont, Los Angeles, Calif. 90004, U. S. A. (The Gamesmaster is reliably informed that the name "Steve Cartier" under which England is currently being played is Brannan's pseudonym.)

FRANCE: Robert Lake, 66 Colonial Ave., Scarborough, Ontario, Canada.

GERMANY: John Davey, 55 Bellamy Road, Scarborough, Ontario, Canada.

ITALY: James Thomas, 1133 S. R. 44, RD 1, Atwater, Ohio, U. S. A.

AUSTRIA-HUNGARY: John W. Smythe Jr., 621 E. Prospect, Girard, Ohio, USA.

TURKEY: John A. McCallum, Meteorological Section, Suffield Experimental Station, Ralston, Alberta, Canada.

THE DIPLOMATIC POUCH

DAN BRANNAN (address above): ((Brannan announces his forthcoming postal Diplomacy 'zine, Wild 'N' Woolly.) I will carry 10 to 15 games at four different game speeds, "Blitzkrieg" with one game year per issue each 9 days, Fast games with one game year per 2 issues each 18 days, the Regular games with one game year per 5 issues each 45 days, and Slow games (with some British players perhaps) with one game year per 10 issues each 3 months. Entrance fee will be \$3 for the first game and \$1 for each additional game. Every player has his choice of country and game speed. Only one player from a general area will be allowed in each game. ((Apparently this means that a W&W will be published each 9 days. Spring and Fall moves of Blitz games will appear in each issue. Alternate issues will carry Spring and Fall moves of Fast games. Other names will appear less frequently as indicated.))

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#13

"Fall 1904"

31 October 1964

TURKS PLAY OFF ENGLISH AGAINST AUSTRO-HUNGARIANS

Shifting alliances among the Powers caused several moves submitted for "Fall 1904" to be changed. The new moves were valid, having come in ere the deadline. The activity of the Fall of 1904 is therefore:

ENGLAND: A Liverpool holds; F Norway-Swe; F Ska-North Sea; A Livonia-War; A Mos S TURKISH A Sev.

FRANCE: F Spa-Mar; A Por-Spa; A Bur S GERMAN A Mun; A Bel & A Lon hold; F Eng-North Sea; F Iri-Liv; F Mid-North Atlantic.

GERMANY: A Pru-Ber; A Mun S A Pru-Ber; A Den S F Swe; F Swe S A Den.

ITALY: A Sil-Mun; A Boh S A Sil-Mun; A Pie-Mar; F Tun S F Ion; F Ion S AUSTRO-HUNGARIAN F Gre-Aeg.

AUSTRIA-HUNGARY: A Ukr-Sev; A Rum S A Ukr-Sev; A Gal S ENGLISH A Liv-War; A Bul holds; A Ser S A Bul; F Gre-Aeg.

RUSSIA: F Bal-Liv.

TURKEY: A War-Sil; A Sev holds; F Eas-Ion; F Aeg S F Eas-Ion; F Con S F Aeg.

Underlined moves are unsuccessful. The Turkish army in Warsaw is forced to retreat to Prussia. Russia has lost its last supply center and is eliminated, losing the fleet in Livonia. The assignment of supply centers in FREDONIA #12 is correct, except that Sevastopol belongs to Turkey rather than to Austria-Hungary. England and Germany may each establish one new unit. Turkey must remove one unit.

There is no reason why two weeks should be required for winter moves, particularly when so few are required as at present. Therefore the previously announced deadline of 7 November 1964 still obtains.

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Jock Root has a few comments on the strategic problem discussed in FREDONIA #11. He includes "the case where France attacks simultaneously on both fronts. If Germany plays A Hol-Bel, this case yields a double standoff with no change; but if A Hol holds, Germany loses Belgium and is trapped." Thus, to the table is added a third row:

FRANCE: A Bur-Bel, F Hel-Hol

GERMANY: A Hol-Bel - no change

GERMANY: A holds - loses Belgium

"On the face of it," Root continues, "Germany's lowest-risk move is A Hol-Bel."

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FREDONIA

#14

"Winter 1904"

7 November 1964

TURKISH ANABASIS ENDS ON SHORES OF BALTIC

As a consequence of the "1904" moves, England establishes an army in Edinburgh, and Germany establishes an army in Kiel. No moves were received from Turkey, so the Gamesmaster removes the Turkish army in Prussia. The deadline for "Spring 1905" moves is SATURDAY 21 NOVEMBER 1964.

Entries are now being accepted for 1965A, which will begin in FREDONIA's sister magazine GRAUSTARK as soon as the present GRAUSTARK game, 1964A, is completed. To be entered in this game, send your \$2.00 to John Boardman, 592 16th Street, Brooklyn, N. Y. 11218. Subscriptions to GRAUSTARK or FREDONIA are 10 issues for \$1.00 from the same address.

Other postal Diplomacy bulletins at the same rate of subscription are:

Ruritania, Dave McDaniel, Apt. #4, 619 S. Hobart St., Los Angeles, Calif. 90005.

Brobdingnag, Dick Schultz, 19159 Helen, Detroit, Mich. 48234.

Trantor, John W. Smythe Jr., 621 E. Prospect, Girard, Ohio.

Dan Brannan's new Diplomacy bulletin, Wild 'N' Woolly, is 20 issues for \$1.00. Entries are now being accepted for postal Diplomacy games to be published in W&W; entry fees are \$3.00 for the first game and \$1.00 for each subsequent game. W&W games will proceed at whichever of four different speeds best suits the players; see GRAUSTARK #38 or write to Brannan (Apt. #5, 106 S. Edgemont, Los Angeles, Calif. 90004) for further information.

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CAMELOT (CP): King Arthur is greatly disturbed over reports of a fat jelly man with a long white beard and a nose like a cherry wearing a red ermine lined suit cheerfully giving away English supply centers. These reports started right after Vikings raided the north coasts of England and the baubles and trinkets this fat man has been giving away have been identified with their former owners as actual loot stolen during these Viking raids. King Arthur had offered a rich reward for his head but quickly changed the offer to his living person. Merlin believes that he may have information concerning the Great Pumpkin. He was last seen in Bucharest.

THE DIPLOMATIC POUCH

DAN BRANNAN, address above: Issue #1 and half of issue #2 (of W&W) is on stencil...We appreciate your willingness to play any country. That is a sign of a true Diplomacy player. The reason Jack Harness never enters correspondence games is that he could never be sure that he would get England. The publisher of Ruritania has a novel system for assigning countries. He takes bribes.

Diplomacy in the Fast games is usually conducted one or two moves ahead. Actually the Fast games are more for the strategists rather than Diplomacy players but some people enjoy fast action...I do not recommend telephones for playing Diplomacy. Letters are always better no matter how fast the game.

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FREDONIA

#15

"Spring 1905"

23 November 1964

AUSTRIANS POUR INTO TURKISH-OCCUPIED RUSSIA

INVADERS DRIVE TO CAUCASUS

TURKISH PRINCE A PRISONER

ENGLAND: A Edi-Yor; A Liv-Yor; F Norway-Norwegian Sea; F Ska-North Sea; A Mos-St.P; A War-Fru.

FRANCE: A Bur-Mar; A Por-Spa; F Spa-Mid; A Bel holds; A Lon-Yor; F Eng-North Sea; F Iri-Liv; F North Atlantic S F Iri-Liv.

GERMANY: A Ber S A Mun; A Mun S A Ber; A Den-Swe; F Swe-Ska; A Kie-Den.

ITALY: No moves received.

AUSTRIA-HUNGARY: A Ukr-Sev; A Rum S A Ukr-Sev; A Gal-Ukr; A Bul-Con; F Gre-Aeg; A Ser-Tri.

TURKEY: A Sev-Ukr; F Eas-Ion; F Aeg S F Eas-Ion; F Con holds.

The English army in Liverpool must retreat to either Wales or Clyde. The Turkish army in Sevastopol must retreat to either Moscow or Armenia. These retreat moves should be sent in with the "Fall 1905" moves, and will be published in FREDONIA #16. Any player whose Fall moves depend upon the disposition of enemy forces in retreat should send alternate moves contingent upon the possible retreats which other players might order. THE DEADLINE FOR FALL 1905 MOVES IS SATURDAY 5 DECEMBER 1964.

VIENNA (H. Alfass, Reuters, 1 November 1904): At Neubanglirtel 34-38 at nine o'clock my jingling phone awakened me. An efficient (she refused my offer to share an evening visit to the "Prater") secretary, from the Ministry of Information and Public Education, informed me that the Black Prince, Enver Pasha, had been captured, along with his First Army, and was being held at the ministry. Would I care to attend a twelve o'clock news conference for further information?

Twelve o'clock gave me time to visit the coffee shops, which proliferate the Ring. If ever there existed a place to overhear what was happening or going to happen at the Belvedere or the Schönbrunn Palace, it would be the Ring's coffee shops... But the streets were empty, empty as only the visit of Dracula's Stormtroopers can empty a street.

A walk along the Kärntnerstrasse wasted the three hours before the news conference. As I approached the Ministry the only sound I heard was the strains of "The Ride of the Valkyries". Then I understood. The enigmatic professor was "educating" the Prince. Three complete performances of Wagner's Ring cycle - What a horrible fate, even for the likes of Enver Pasha.

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"Fall 1905"

6 December 1964

ENGLISH RETAKE LIVERPOOL

After the Spring campaigns, the English army in Liverpool retreated to Wales, and the Turkish army in Sevastopol retreated to Armenia.

ENGLAND: A Wal-Liv; A Edi S A Wal-Liv; F Norwegian Sea-North Atlantic; F Ska-North Sea; A St.P-Norway; A Frr-Ber.

FRANCE: A Mar-Pie; F Mid-Wes; F Eng-North Sea; A Spa, A Bel, F Liv, & A Lon hold; F North Atlantic S F Liv.

GERMANY: A Den S F Swe; F Swe holds; A Kie S A Mun; A Ber S A Mun; A Mun S A Ber.

ITALY: No moves received.

AUSTRIA-HUNGARY: A Sev-Arm; A Rum-Sev; A Ukr-Gal; A Tri holds; A Bul S F Gre; F Gre S A Bul.

TURKEY: A Arm-Sev; F Aeg-Bul; F Con S F Aeg-Bul; F Eas-Aeg.

Underlined moves are not possible. The French fleet in Liverpool must retreat to either Clyde or the Irish Sea. The present locations of Italian forces are: A Sil, A Boh, A Pie, F Ion, F Tun.

The High Combatant Powers now control the following supply centers: ENGLAND: Edinburgh, Liverpool, Moscow, Norway, St. Petersburg, Warsaw. (6)

FRANCE: Belgium, Brest, Holland, London, Marseilles, Paris, Portugal, Spain. (8)

GERMANY: Berlin, Denmark, Kiel, Munich, Sweden. (5)

ITALY: Naples, Rome, Tunis, Venice. (4)

AUSTRIA-HUNGARY: Budapest, Bulgaria, Greece, Rumania, Serbia, Sevastopol, Trieste, Vienna. (8)

TURKEY: Ankara, Constantinople, Smyrna. (3)

Austria-Hungary may establish two new units. Italy and Turkey must each remove one unit. THE DEADLINE FOR WINTER 1905 MOVES IS SATURDAY 19 DECEMBER 1964.

VIENNA (J. London, Times): The First Army has been reactivated. Marshall Hotzendorff has refused to comment on the reason for reactivation. Given the route of the Turkish forces, the demobilization of Armies North was expected.

I was able to find the officer, Colonel Hans von Smythe, commander of the White Mountain Hussars, who was willing to comment on the recent mobilization. Col. von Smythe, with his trace of Scottish accent, hinted that the debacle of 1902 had to be avenged. And that repeated attempts to treat with the vile junkers had only resulted in continued rebuff. I would look for an Austrian gambit that could possibly be an attempt to persuade Germany to consider an armistice.

(H. Alfass, Reuters): The dirty, tired infantrymen, as they lay in the foul trenches, make jokes and sing. The air is not scented with the breath of Death. The cold night breezes of Fall have frozen the day's work. The blasted carcasses of man and beast do not smell. The soldiers are happy. They can forget the day.

The men have been counting the wild birds migrating South. A bearded Serbian sergeant, a giant, picking at his beard with a knife, talks of ending the war by following the birds. His companion, an Armenian Christian who, when he was captured, volunteered to fight the hated Turk, says nothing. He dreams of tomorrow and what heroic deeds he will perform. Ara waits for the day honing his bayonet on his boot.

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The great Skoda guns rent the dawn with their death fear. What was once a hill lying one hundred yards beyond the furthest listening post becomes an inferno of red and yellow flashes, flying metal, and screams. The infantrymen ready themselves to leave their haven and move to take the morning objective, the Aghri Dagh. Ara, the Armenian, smiles as he rises to his feet. He climbs over his companion of the night and trots toward hell. The Battle for Armenia has begun.

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CAMELOT: Merlin today publicly warned Artos the Bear that the French were planning to secretly invade England. But Artos only laughed and said 'twould be more likely that he would invade France and forthwith blew the foam off his ale at Merlin's troubled brow.

"The sword of Charlemagne the Just Is Ferric Oxide, known as rust, Great Caesar's bust is on the shelf, And I don't feel too well myself."	"When all was ready to their land They loosed their hidden sword And utterly laid waste to a land Their oath was pledged to guard...
- Arthur Guiterman	When ye say to Tabaqui, "My Brother; ", when ye call the Hyena to meat; Ye may cry the Full Trace with Jacala - the Belly that runs on four feet."

- Rudyard Kipling

THE DIPLOMATIC POUCH

JOHN W. SMYTHE Jr., 621 East Prospect, Girard, Ohio: I was surprised to find you permitted my army in Galicia to move into Ukraina. The Turkish army in Sevastopol attempted to move into Ukraina. Would not the conflict between the two armies make for a stand-off? ((The relevant moves in Spring 1905 were: AUSTRIA-HUNGARY: A Ukr-Sev; A Rum S A Ukr-Sev; A Gal-Ukr; TURKEY: A Sev-Ukr. The Austro-Hungarian attack from the Ukraine, supported from Rumania, of course dislodged the Turkish army in Sevastopol. On p. 4 of the rulebook Calhamer states: "A unit ordered to move, even if unsuccessful, still may cut a support or stand off a single unit, even though its own position is attacked with support and it is consequently dislodged." So the move A Gal-Ukr should have been underlined, leaving aside for the moment the question of how an army forced to retreat to Armenia can keep an enemy army from advancing from Galicia to the Ukraine. Thanks for calling attention to this rule, which will be more properly observed in the future.

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"Winter 1905"

20 December 1964

IS GERMANY THE NEXT AUSTRIAN TARGET?

The following developments have taken place as a result of the military action in 1905:

FRANCE: The fleet in Liverpool was dislodged by an English offensive. Since no retreat order was received, this fleet is annihilated.

ITALY: Through loss of a supply center, Italy had to remove one unit. No order was received. The Gamesmaster accordingly removes the Italian army in Silesia.

AUSTRIA-HUNGARY: Establishes armies in Vienna and Budapest.

TURKEY: Removes the fleet in the Eastern Mediterranean.

The deadline for Spring 1906 moves is SATURDAY 2 JANUARY 1965.

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VIENNA (December 7, 1905): The coffee houses along the Ring are a tattle with rumors concerning an alleged note sent to the Prussians. The most current chit-dit, whispered over pastry and bitter-sweet coffee, has Archduke Ferdinand sending a note demanding from Wilhelm an explanation for failure by the Prussians to answer the Austrian peace offer.

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Dr. R. Schuller (I believe he is with the Department of Commerce) sipping his coffee admitted, "The Archduke and the Army want an excuse to go against Prussia, and you can count upon those French fops, who surround Wilhelm and call themselves advisors, to snap at the bait being offered." Watching a pretty ankle glide by, Dr. Schuller continued, "I am of the opinion that the Archduke and the Chiefs of Staff do not want a reply. Ferdinand and Hotzendorf have not ignored an opportunity to remind the Kaiser of the debacle at Munich." After the young woman had turned the corner, the Doctor turned to me smiling, "And is it necessary to comment on the wishes of Dankl? He and his First Army live for the moment when they can turn Prussia into an inferno. And do not forget," Schuller lowered his voice as he glanced about to see if anyone could overhear, "Dracula's 1st and 3rd Storm-troopers have been attached to the Armies North. You remember them. They were responsible for the capture of the Black Prince and the sack of Sevastopol. No," he released his breath, "those regiments are not assigned to a 'peaceful' front. Ferdinand and Hotzendorf are going to try again. All they lack is an excuse, and the fops will provide the."

VIENNA (December 30, 1905): The Ministry of Public Information and Education has just confirmed the rumors that a note has been sent to Prussia demanding an explanation of Prussian foreign policy. To emphasize the importance that the Austrian government is attaching to Wilhelm's reply, the Armies North, commanded by Archduke Frederic, has been ordered to the border. Frederic's command is comprised of Dankl's First Army, Auffenburg's Fourth Army, Alexander's Serbian Army, and the newly formed First Volunteer Army (Bulgaria-Greece) commanded by the

Bulgarian Marshal Bojadieff who won distinction at the Battle of Tyrnova. At Tyrnova Bojadieff and his Bulgarian volunteers destroyed the Turkish 11th Corps.

The players in the new postal Diplomacy game, 1965A, have just been informed of their country assignments. To follow this game from its beginning, subscribe to GRAUSTARK. GRAUSTARK, the oldest postal Diplomacy bulletin, is published by John Boardman, 592 16th Street, Brooklyn, N. Y. 11218. Subscription rates are 10 for \$1.00, as they also are for FREDONIA and for the following other postal Diplomacy bulletins:

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"I have never made but one prayer to God, a very short one: 'O Lord, make my enemies ridiculous.' and God granted it."

- Voltaire

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